The State Government of Maharashtra submitted a revised cost estimate for Rs. 51.00 lakhs in the same month. On examination of the proposal, the Central Institute of Coastal Engineering for Fisheries (CICEF), Bangalore, requested the State Government in June, 1990 for furnishing clarifications on some important points which are yet to be received.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) and (d). After scrutiny of the project report, the State Government was requested in January, 1992 to revise and update the same in the light of modifications suggested as also to obtain clearance from the Ministry of Envronment and Forests under the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986.

Selection of Ex-Servicemen in Para-Military Forces

1561. SHRI SUDHIR SAWANT: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any preference is given to ex-servicemen in recruitment to the various posts in the para-miltary forces;

(b) if so, the number of ex-servicemen selected in various forces during 1990; force-wise;

(c) whether there is any proposal to recruit trained soldiers from the younger age group in these forces; and

(d) if so, the age limit for induction of ex-servicemen into these forces?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M.M. JACOB) : (a) According to the orders in force 10% of vacancies in the posts of the level of Asstt. Commandant, 10% of vacancies in each of the categories of Group C posts and 20% of vacancies in each of the categories of Group D posts to be filled by direct recruitment in Para-Military Forces are reserved for ex-servicemen.

(b) the number of ex-servicemen recruited in para-Military Forces during the year 1990 is as follows-

i) CISF - 461

ii) ITBP - 48

iii) CRPF - 63

iv) BSF - 337

v) Assam Rifles - Nil

(c) There is no proposal at present to recruitment soldiers from the younger age group only. Ex-servicemen who are otherwise found eligible according to orders in forces are considered for recruitment in para-Military Force.

(d) Does not arise.

Crossing the line of Actual Control by JKLF

1562. SHRI SURENDER REDDY:
SHRI P.C. THOMAS:
SHRI SRIBALLAV PANIGRAHI:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are aware of the recent reports regarding JKLF Chief's letter to the UN Secretary General on his march across the border between India and Pakistan;

(b) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto;

(c) whether the Prime Minister of Pakistan made any statement regarding inhability of Pakistan to prevent the marches again and again from crossing the line of actual control;

(d) if so, the steps taken by the Government in that regard;

(e) whether the Government had taken up this matter with other countries; and

(f) if so, the reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI MADHAVSINH SOLANKI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The so-called JKLF is an unlawful organisation which indulges in terrorist and propapandist activities. Its action need to be seen in this context.

(c) and (d). While Government have seen press reports of statements by the Prime Minister of Pakistan to this effect, it has repeatedly been conveyed to the Pakistani authorities that they should take effective steps to prevent any violations of the LOC/border and honour their bilateral obligations. Government shall firmly resist any attempt to violate the LOC/border and take all necessary measures to protect India's territorial integrity.

(e) Yes, Sir.

(f) There was understanding of Government's position. Several countries, individually and collectively, also formally made demarches to Pakistan in this regard.

New Prohibition Policy

1563. SHRI R. SURENDER REDDY: Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government propose to formulate any new prohibition policy;

(b) if so, the details thereof ; and

(c) the time by which it is likely to be implemented?

THE MINISTER OF WELFARE (SHRI SITARAM KESRI): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c). Does not arise.

[*Translation*]

Security Arrangements in Tihar Jail

1564. SHRI AVTAR SINGH BHADANA:
SHRI SHIVLAL NAGJIBHAI VEKARIA:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the steps being taken by the Government to improve the security arrangements in Tihar Jail in Delhi and inhuman condition of the prisoners; and

(b) the steps taken to check the illegal supply of drugs and other items which are smuggled into Jail?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M.M. JACOB) : (a) Delhi Administration have reported that the following steps have been taken to improve the security arrangements in the Central Jail, Tihar;

i) Jail Superintendents have been in-